

SENATE BILL 2981

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;  
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to severe child  
abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(23), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) and by substituting instead the following:

(A)

(i) The knowing exposure of a child to or the knowing failure to protect a child from abuse or neglect that is likely to cause serious bodily injury or death; or

(ii) The knowing use of force on a child that is likely to cause serious bodily injury or death;

(iii) Serious bodily injury shall have the same meaning given in § 39-15-402(d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(23), is further amended in subdivision (B) by deleting the language “and” and by substituting instead the language “or”.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.